FISCAL NOTE

SB 2565 - HB 2696

February 12, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the driver license of anyone between 15 and 21 years of age who accumulates eight or more points in any nine month period be suspended for at least three months and such period thereafter as may be required for the person to complete a driver improvement or safety course approved by the Department of Safety.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$66,700 One-Time \$32,450 Recurring

Increase State Revenues - \$136,000 2nd and Subsequent years

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 2,500 drivers would be subject to suspension annually under the provisions of the bill.
- one position in the Department of Safety with salary and benefits of \$23,800 to handle administrative duties associated with provisions of bill including correspondence related to suspension notification, hearings, and reinstatements.
- \$1,700 one-time and \$1,150 recurring for office equipment and maintenance for additional position.
- \$7,500 in expenditures for postage to send notifications of suspension, hearings, hearing results, and reinstatements and for related supplies.
- one-time cost for computer system changes of \$65,000.
- approximately 50% of the 2,500 drivers affected by the bill will request a hearing and the suspensions of approximately 10% of those requesting such hearing will be withdrawn resulting in approximately 2,375 suspensions.
- points received prior to the July 1, 2004 effective date of bill would not count toward the 8 point total required for suspension.
- 50% of those suspended will reinstate in the second year with an equal number reinstating in subsequent years.
- increase in revenues in the second and subsequent years from license reinstatement fees. The fee to reinstate a suspended license is \$115.
- the cost of the driver education would be the responsibility of the individual licensee.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director